

## ARTICLE II. WEAPONS\*

### DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

#### Sec. 15-20. Switchblade knives defined.

For the purpose of this article, the term "switchblade knife" shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, the following: All springblade knives, switchblade knives, snapblade knives, or other similar type knives; all knives of which any blade, regardless of the length thereof, is released automatically by a spring mechanism or other mechanical device, or is released by any type of mechanism whatsoever. (Code 1961, § 18.12)

#### Sec. 15-21. Sale, possession of switchblade.

Notwithstanding any provision in this chapter to the contrary, no person shall sell, offer for sale, expose for sale, keep, carry, possess, loan, transfer, or give to any other person any switchblade knife. (Code 1961, § 18.17)

#### Sec. 15-22. Possession in public places or on property of another.

It shall be unlawful for anyone who has upon his person or within his immediate physical possession or control, whether the same is visible or concealed or in or on any automotive vehicle owned or possessed by him in the city, any switchblade knife, as described in the preceding section, any knife with a blade three (3) inches or more in length, any icepick, awl, dirk, dagger, stiletto, or similar sharp stabbing tool, any straight-edged razor, razor blade fitted to a handle, razor with an unguarded blade, or any cutting, stabbing or bludgeoning weapon or device intended to be used as a club or capable of inflicting grievous bodily harm, to loaf or loiter or be upon any public street, way, sidewalk, alley, or at any athletic event, dance or other such gathering to which the public, or a number thereof, are admitted, or in or about a public park, beach, other recreational area, school, or any other public building or place, or to wander about from place to place with no lawful business to

perform, or to hide, lurk, or loiter or be upon or about the premises of another. (Code 1961, § 18.13)

#### Sec. 15-23. Fighting, etc., while in possession.

It shall be unlawful for anyone who has upon his person or within his immediate physical possession or control, whether the same is visible or concealed, any switchblade knife or dangerous or deadly weapon, to engage in any fight or to participate in any riot, uprising, or other type of disorderly conduct upon the premises of another or upon any public street, way, sidewalk, alley, or in or about a public park, beach, other recreational area, school, or any other public building, place, or at any athletic event, dance, or other such gathering to which the public, or a number thereof, is admitted. (Code 1961, § 18.14)

#### Sec. 15-24. Possession while loitering near places where alcoholic beverages are sold.

It shall be unlawful for anyone who has upon his person or within his immediate physical possession or control any switchblade knife, or dangerous or deadly weapon, to loiter about any place where alcoholic beverages are sold or any other place of public resort. (Code 1961, § 18.15)

#### Sec. 15-25. Police officers.

Nothing in this division shall prohibit police officers, special police officers, peace officers, or other law enforcement officers from carrying any wooden club, baton, or any equipment authorized by the properly constituted authorities for the enforcement of law in the city. (Code 1961, § 18.18)

#### Sec. 15-26. Provisions not to prohibit possession of ordinary tools, etc.

The restrictions of this division shall not be deemed to prohibit the possession or control of ordinary tools or equipment carried in good faith for the purpose of honest work, trade, or business, or for use in a legitimate sport or recreation. (Code 1961, § 18.16)

#### Secs. 15-27—15-32. Reserved.

\*State law reference—Control of deadly weapons, Penal Code, § 12000 et seq.